

4600 Giant Springs Road Great Falls, MT 59405

May 2, 2002

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Dear Interested Citizens:

Attached please find the Decision Notice regarding the City of Lewistown's project to dredge the Frog Ponds in the City of Lewistown.

No official comments were received.

Sincerely:

Mike Aderhold

Region 4 Supervisor

DECISION RECORD

Frog Pond Dredging and Fisheries Development Project – Little Casino Creek May 2, 2002

Water Name: Frog Ponds (Upper and Lower)

Water Codes: <u>16-8657 & 16-6705</u>

County: Fergus

Legal Description: T13N R11E S2 & T14N R11E S35

Description of Proposed Action:

The City of Lewistown proposes to dredge two shallow ponds historically known as the "Old Folks Ponds." The ponds will be dredged by conventional methods to a maximum depth of 8 feet to create a viable urban fishery and to enhance wildlife values. The two frog ponds will be dredged in sequential years.

Summary of Public Comment:

The EA was on the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' Website from 3/12/2002 - 4/17/2002. In addition there was an article in the Lewistown News Argus and a public meeting in Lewistown 3/25/2002. No official comments were received.

Decision:

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment, I recommend that the dredging be undertaken as proposed. I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment and applicable laws, regulations and policies and have determined this action will not have a significant effect on the human or physical environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Mike Aderhold

Region 4 Supervisor

Date

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